

State of South Carolina

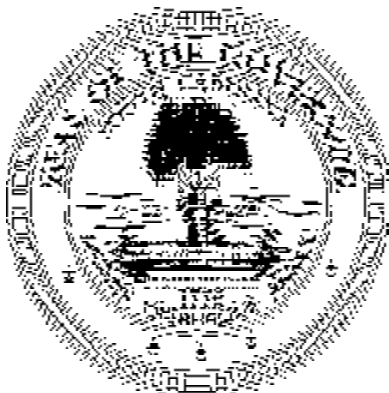
Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** more than 500,000 South Carolina citizens and families are impacted by severe lifelong disabilities, including autism, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, mental retardation, and related disabilities, without regard to race, culture, geography, age, sex, or economic class; and
- WHEREAS,** people with lifelong disabilities are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members, deserving of respect and opportunities for economic self-sufficiency, independence, and personal growth; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolinians with and without disabilities work together, play together, worship together, learn together, and grow together; and
- WHEREAS,** we owe a special debt of gratitude to the caregivers who selflessly provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support to our citizens with disabilities and special needs; and
- WHEREAS,** during the 2003 observance of "Disabilities Awareness Month", citizens with disabilities and special needs, along with their families and advocates, will celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of South Carolinians with disabilities under the theme, "Together We're Winning! People With and Without disABILITIES", while honoring the caregivers who give their love and support to enhance the quality of life of those they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2003 as

DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by people with disabilities in our communities, to work together to promote increased opportunities for people with disabilities, and to honor the dedication of the caregivers who bring hope and comfort to their fellow citizens.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA